(d) what other reasons have come to light; and

(e) what concrete efforts are being made by Government to remove social evils and maintain social balance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Conduct Rules in PWB

3145. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU) : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether conduct Rules in Punjab Wakf Board are insufficient, compared to CCS Conduct Rules and that discipline is lacking there because of that ;

(b) if so, the reasons for this state of affairs; and

(c) the steps being taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) to (c) Conduct of Punjab Wakf Board employees is governed by PWB Regulations, 1964. Punjab Wakf Board has constituted a Committee consisting of Senior Officers of the Board for drafting fresh Regulations in the light of Wakf Act, 1995.

OBC List of Tamil Nadu

3146. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of representations for inclusion of several castes in OBC category received by National Backward Classes Commission from Tamil Nadu till recently;

(b) the number of castes which have since been recommended for inclusion by the Commission;

(c) whether Government have since accepted all the recommendations of the Commission; and

(d) if not the reasions therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) and (b) The National Commission for Backward Classes has received a total number of 117 requests for inclusion in the Central List of OBCs in respect of Tamil Nadu. Out of these the Commission has tendered advices to this Ministry in respect of 116 Castes/Communities/Sub Castes/Synonyms.

(c) and (d) The NCBC set up under the NCBC Act, 1993 examines request for inclusion of any class of citizen as backward class in central list of OBCs and hears complaints of over inclusion or under inclusion of any Backward Class in such list and tenders such advice to Central Government, as it deems appropriate. The advice of the Commission is ordinarily binding upon the Central Government. The recommendations received from NCBC have been processed as per the procedure.

Assistance to NGO's in Tamil Nadu

3147. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of assistance provided to the voluntary organizations of NGO's functioning in Tamil Nadu during the last three financial years ending 1999-2000;

(b) whether it is a fact that many cases for grants take a long time for sanctions;

(c) if so, how many such cases are pending; and

(d) the steps being taken to grant aid expeditiously ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) The details of assistance provided to voluntary organizations of NGO's functioning in Tamil Nadu during the last three financial years ending 1999-2000 are indicated below :—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	No. of NGO's assisted	Amount
1997-98	96	348.63
1998-99	139	468.58
1999-2000	133	769.02